

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of March 2, 2005. Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 have been rejected in the Office Action. Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 and requests reconsideration of the rejection, as explained in more detail below.

Claims 1-3 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112 because the Examiner believes that the "width capable of eliminating rattling" is vague and indefinite. Accordingly, the Examiner has amended Claim to clarify this element of the invention.

The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,010,247 to Mouri et al (the "'247 Patent"). The assignee of the '247 Patent and the present application is Minebea Co., Ltd. Accordingly, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for this application to overcome this rejection.

An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on January 7, 2005 citing one Japanese reference. The Examiner stated that the "translation appears to be of the wrong document". The translation is for Japanese Patent No. 2003244239 dated August 29, 2003. This patent is based on Application No. JP20020039171. Therefore, the translation is for the correct document.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is

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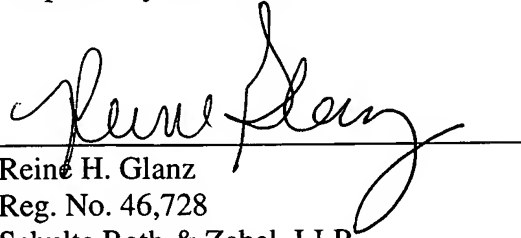
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required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely.

Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order

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Respectfully submitted,

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